Toronto, Mar. 28. 1854

Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Esq

29 My Dear Sir,

The same Mail that brings you this note will probably also bring a copy of the second Number of the Provincial Freeman, to which I wish to bespeak your favorable attention. The effort to establish a paper in this city, let me assure you, appears to me, as far as I am able to judge, to be a most praiseworthy one, and deserving of encouragement. There may, perhaps, be ~~in this~~ mixed up with the enterprise, some amount of personal feeling, (as in truth, how very few enterprises of the sort are entirely free from it.) but the greater

number of the persons interested — actively interested I mean — are the ~~the~~ most respectable and intelligent amongst the colored people here. I find that there are several influences operating prejudicially to the success of the undertaking; but I presume that they will be overcome. I cannot agree in every particular with the conductors of the Freeman, but I think I shall be able to work with them. The paper will advocate emigration, as the best cause for colored people in the States. My voice is for emigration only because it is under the British rule alone that the colored man has an opportunity of proving to the world that he is equally capable with his white brethren to fulfil

all the duties of a person am;
and because in so doing, I think
I see that he is doing somewhat not
inconsiderable to remove the
stigma that attaches to his race
under the government of the
United States. Probably you
do not see things precisely ~~exactly~~ in
this light, and think that the
colored man in the states ought
to live down the prejudice against
him, and not plead pass it. I
too, hope that he will, but at
the same time consider a certain
amount of voluntary emigration as
greatly conducing to that end. I
hope you will say the best word
you can for the paper under the
circumstances

Very respectfully Yours John Dick